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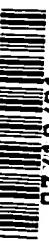
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Katsutoshi TAKEDA ET AL.

Filed: CONCURRENTLY

For: METHOD OF INSTALLING SOLAR CELL MODULES, AND SOAR CELL
MODULES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
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Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a
copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies¹ of the documents listed thereon.

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These documents contain information which the Examiner should consider during examination of the present application.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form PTO-1449 next to the document. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

The cited Japanese references are accompanied by an English translation of the abstracts of Japanese Applications Nos. 11-299126 and 11-195803. Copies of the full applications are provided so that the examiner can view all the drawings. Only the abstract is available in English and no representation is intended that it is the most material part of the application or that other portions may not be more material.

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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